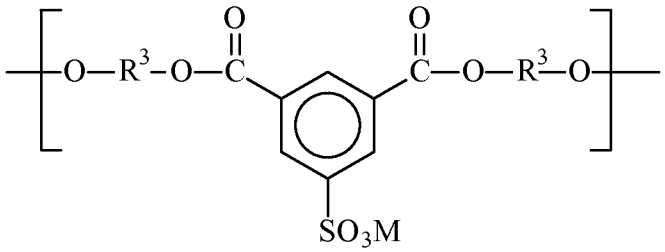
Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 11, please replace the paragraph that starts on line 7 with the word "The" and ends on line 27 with the word "cation" with the following amended paragraph:

The anionic stabilizer used in the present invention can be present on either the isocyanate component or the polyol component. Typically, and most conveniently, the anionic stabilizer is present as the polyol component. The anionic group can be sulfonate, phosphonate, phosphate, and carboxylate but is preferably either sulfonate or carboxylate and most preferably a sulfonate. The most preferred sulfonates are the sulfonated polyols described in U.S. Pat. No. 4,738,992 (Larson et al.). Particularly preferred sulfonates are polyesterdiols having the following structure:



wherein each R^3 is independently a divalent aliphatic group having an average molecular weight of 200 to 600 comprising ether or ester functional groups selected from the group consisting of:

$-CH_2CH_2-(OCH_2CH_2-)_n-$,

$-CH(CH_3)CH_2-(OCH(CH_3)CH_2-)_n-$,

$-(CH_2)_4-(O(CH_2)_4)_n-$, and

$-(CH_2)_mCO-[O(CH_2)_mCO]_n-$ groups; and

mixtures thereof;

where *m* is an integer from about 2 to 5 and *n* is an integer from about 2 to 15;

and M is a cation, preferably M is Na, but M can be H, K, Li, or a primary, secondary, tertiary, or quaternary ammonium cation such as ammonium, methylammonium, butylammonium, diethylammonium, triethylammonium, tetraethylammonium, and benzyltrimethyl-ammonium cation and mixtures thereof.